

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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D¹ particles, and

wherein a ratio of agglomerated particle size to a primary particle size is from 1 to 6.

Please add the following new claim:

D² 32. (New) A method for producing a calcined metal oxide powder having a narrow particle size distribution except α -alumina, comprising calcining a metal oxide powder or a metal oxide precursor powder in the presence or absence of a seed crystal in an atmosphere containing at least one gas selected from the group consisting of (1) a hydrogen halide, and (2) a component prepared from a molecular halogen and steam.
